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BSE Confirmed in a Cow in the Region of Liberec in the Czech Republic

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Report Highlights:

The 29th case of BSE in the Czech Republic was confirmed on March 25, 2009 by the State Veterinary Administration. The cow was on farm in Roprachtice in the Region of Liberec in a northern part of the country.

General Information:

On March 25, 2009, the State Veterinary Administration (SVA) confirmed the 29th case of BSE in a cow in the Czech Republic since 2001. The cow located on a farm in Roprachtice, approximately 100 km to the northeast of Prague, nearing Polish border, was 66 months old.

It has been the youngest infected animal that was born after the ban of meat-bone meal use in feeds. According to the SVA, the cow may have gotten contaminated feed, but it's difficult to locate the source of the problem since the contaminated feed would have been consumed five years ago. There were 82 cows identified in the same herd that will be killed within 90 days. The affected farmers will receive a compensation for these animals.

The Czech Republic has been fully in line with the EC Regulation no. 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2001, laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies and it has been recognized as having a "controlled BSE risk" in accordance with Chapter 11.6. of the Terrestrial Code of The World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). The last case of BSE in the Czech Republic occurred in December 2007.

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